

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A method of selecting a web service comprising:
- transmitting a search request for a service from a service requestor to a management site that searches for software services provided via a network;
- obtaining by the search requestor a service search result from the management site including information for determining the quality of services from a provider site ~~the management site, wherein the information is collected by a provider that provides the software services and includes a number of times the software services have been used, a frequency of use corresponding to the software services; an execution time corresponding to the software services and a maintenance time corresponding to the software services;~~
- selecting by the service requestor at least one software service based on the obtained search result; and
- transmitting a request to execute the selected service to the service provider.

9-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the service provider and the management site are different sites.

22. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the information includes a number of times the software services have been used, a frequency of use corresponding to the software services; an execution time corresponding to the software services and a maintenance time corresponding to the software services.

23. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the information includes a service history resulting from execution of the service.

24. (New) A network system that provides software services via a network, comprising:

at least two service providers for providing a software service; and

a management service comprising a control program for:

receiving a service request corresponding to the software service from a service requestor;

searching for the at least two service providers;

collecting quality of service (QoS) information corresponding to each of
the at least two service providers; and
transmitting the QoS information to the service requestor to enable the
service requestor to select among the at least two service providers.

25. (New) The network system according to claim 24, wherein the information
comprises:

the number of times the software service has been used,
frequency of use of the software service;
execution time of the software service, and
maintenance time for the software service.

26. (New) The network system of claim 24, wherein the information comprises a
service history resulting from execution of the service.

27. (New) A computer program for selecting a web service comprising:
a computer-readable memory; and
logic, stored on the memory for execution on a processor, for:

transmitting a search request for a service from a service requestor to a management site that searches for software services provided via a network;

obtaining by the search requestor a service search result from the management site including information for determining the quality of services from a provider site;

selecting by the service requestor at least one software service based on the obtained search result; and

transmitting a request to execute the selected service to the service provider.

28. (New) The computer program of claim 27, wherein the service provider and the management site are different sites.

29. (New) The computer program of claim 27, wherein the information includes a number of times the software services have been used, a frequency of use corresponding to the software services; an execution time corresponding to the software services and a maintenance time corresponding to the software services.

30. (New) The computer program of claim 27, wherein the information includes a service history resulting from execution of the service.